

21st April 2023

Message from Mr O'Sullivan

On Friday 31st March we were delighted to welcome Shuna Hunt, Alan Turing's niece to cut the ribbon to officially open our new site. Other notable guests were Munira Wilson, our local MP, and Vince Cable, the former leader of the Liberal Democrats. Alongside the formal opening Zoe F, Tom P and Mr Jones buried our time capsule so that future generations can look back on what life was like at Turing House in 2023.

The event began with some short talks from Mr Mackinlay (CEO and our founding Headteacher), Karen Lynch (the Chair of the trust board), Sarah Dietz (our Chair of governors) and Mr O'Sullivan. Images of our students' activities since 2015 rotated continuously on the big screen. Shuna said some poignant words about how proud Alan would have been of the school, its students and their achievements and was delighted that this legacy was continuing.

After the event we received a lovely email from Shuna and her son Nevil, that finished with the following:

Congratulations to you and the wider team who have made this happen. What an incredible project, delivered with excellence and leaving a really positive legacy for generations to come. I remain in awe of your achievements.



Good Luck to all the Year 10s in their exams!

Dates for your diary:

Inset Day - 2nd May

Half term – 29th May – 2nd June



Eid



Muslims around the world will be celebrating Eid - the festival that marks the end of Ramadan today. For many, but not all, the sighting of a crescent moon above Saudi Arabia marks the close of the Islamic holy month and the start of Eid-al-Fitr. The name means "festival of the breaking of the fast" and the dates vary each year according to the lunar calendar. Some will start their celebrations slightly later than others depending on where they are - following the moon cycles in their local skies or nearest Muslim country. Traditionally, it's a time to gather with family and friends, wish them "Eid Mubarak" - Blessed Eid - and share meals, exchange gifts and engage in charitable acts. Eid is important because it follows Ramadan - the month of fasting when Muslims refrain from eating, drinking, smoking and engaging in any sexual activity during daylight hours. The month is also seen as a time for reflection, to purify the soul, practise self-discipline, and demonstrate devotion to Allah. We would like to congratulate all of our Muslim students who have fasted and wish them a happy Eid.

Careers Fair 2023



Tuesday 18th April saw our first ever Careers Fair at Turing House. It was lovely to see so many of our Year 9 – 13 students and parents absorbed in the world of careers. We had over 40 representatives from across business, industry and academics presenting to students and answering questions, as well as making positive links for future careers and work experiences.



The energy throughout the school was really positive. One quote from a Year 13 student I encountered was **'this evening has simply been the best for me.'** Feedback from representatives from design, architecture and the Armed Forces has been so positive I have already had offers of follow up days and invitations for students to visit offices and businesses in London.

I will be sending communications out about these shortly.



I would like to thank all those parents and colleagues who gave up their time to support our students in this event. Whether it is deciding on University or Apprenticeships or simply trying to understand a route into a career of interest to you, face-to-face discussions can make the difference for our students motivating and inspiring their next steps. If you would like to get involved with next year's event we would like to hear from you! Please contact info@turinghouseschool.org.uk We value feedback so please can those who attended or participated as a speaker complete the feedback form by scanning the QR code.

Careers Fair Feedback form



Thanks again from the THS Careers Team.

Ukraine visit

Over the coming months, students will have an assembly from Robin Jowit OBE, following his visit to Ukraine in January this year. As former Mayor of Richmond and having served as a governor in a local Richmond school for 40 years (currently a governor at Turing House School), Robin has a keen understanding of the value and importance of education. He travelled to Ukraine with the intention of understanding the impact the war is having upon students, their teachers, the schools and young people's education. Robin has already shared his experience with our Sixth Form Students. He showed us how the students and teachers live with daily missile alerts, extensive power cuts and how they bravely continue to deliver lessons in powerless bomb shelters and basements. Some of the schools he visited have been bombed and lost classrooms and resources. Some have lost large numbers of students whose families have fled violence and destruction in their hometowns. Other schools have expanded or merged to support students relocating to them from destroyed nurseries, schools and colleges. You can read more about Robin, his visit and his fundraising for Ukrainian schools in this article in [SW Londoner](#).

[Jacqui Kerr reports on :](#)

One man's quest to see the effects of the war in Ukraine on its children. The daily news images of Ukraine's war-torn towns, the bravery of its soldiers and the desperation of its people conjure up many emotions in us all. For one 85-year-old man, a former Mayor of Richmond, and current governor at Turing House School in Twickenham, they presented a chance to embark on a personal quest. Robin Jowit travelled alone to Ukraine to see what impact the war is having on the children and their education. His main aim was to raise awareness and money to help the pupils. During his visit – which was self-funded without insurance but with the help of the Rotary of Kew Gardens and Sergii Zavadskii, a fellow Rotarian in Ukraine – he was able to see the plight of children and their teachers. He visited seven schools; those in Kyiv and nearby Boryspil had not suffered any

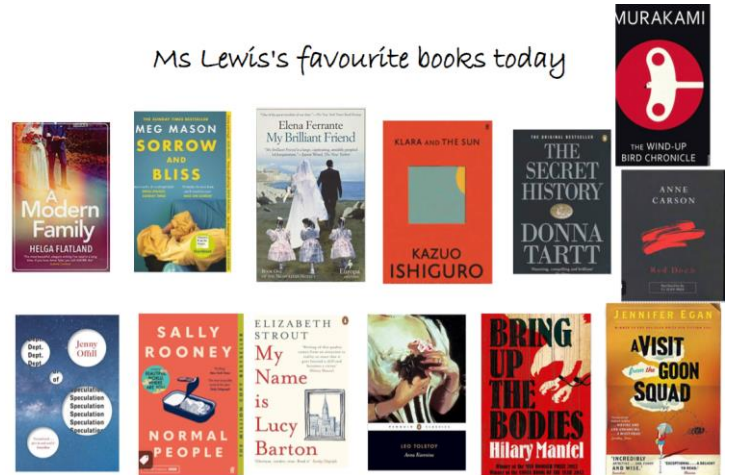
war damage, but for one school in Buzova near Bucha it was a different story – it had received 14 missile hits and had 116 windows blown out. All schools, whether damaged or not, are suffering constant power cuts, which interrupt the children's education. In a life where families and teachers are fleeing the war and some parents and teachers' partners have been killed, a constancy of education is needed to help balance the trauma. Teachers and charities are providing mentoring and psychological assistance. Whilst praising the heroism of the teachers, Robin also recognised a need that he as a Rotarian could try and fulfil and has established a practical and plausible way to help these schools. During the many missile alerts, the only places of refuge are dingy, unlit bunkers so he has prioritised a fundraising scheme to buy batteries to run generators during the power cuts, allowing the children to continue learning. In their war-torn world, learning can help ameliorate what is going on around them outside the school walls, where damaged buildings and destruction confront them at the end of a school day. They are even being trained to be alert to landmines and how they are disguised. Robin is now spending his time visiting schools in the UK to establish links to Ukrainian schools. Together with the Rotary Club of Kew, he is continuing to appeal for funds to help the children of Ukraine.

Visit the Rotary Crowdfunder page [here](#).



Books recommended by Ms Lewis

Ms Lewis's favourite books today



Modern Family by Helga Flatland

Sorrow and Bliss by Meg Mason

My Brilliant Friend by Elena Ferrante

Klara and the Sun by Kazuo Ishiguro

The Secret History by Donna Tartt

The Wind-Up Bird Chronicle by Murakami

Red Doc by Anne Carson

Dept. of Speculation by Jenny Offill

Normal People by Sally Rooney

My Name is Lucy Barton by Elizabeth Strout

Anna Karenina by Leo Tolstoy

Bring up the Bodies by Hilary Mantel

A Visit from the Goon Squad by Jennifer Egan

Literacy Fact - Homophones

Homophones are words that have the same sound when spoken but have very different meanings and spellings, such as:

there and their, meet and meat, hear and here

It is important to choose the right word for the meaning of your sentence. Word processors often do not pick up the wrong use of a homophone so you need to be aware of them in your own writing.

Emergency Alerts

A reminder to all of our staff and students that Sunday will see the first national emergency alert test. The test alert, which will take place at 3pm on Sunday 23 April, will see people receive a message on the home screen of their mobile phone, along with a sound and vibration for up to ten seconds. The message will say:

- This is a test of Emergency Alerts, a new UK government service that will warn you if there's a life-threatening emergency nearby.
- In a real emergency, follow the instructions in the alert to keep yourself and others safe.
- Visit [gov.uk/alerts](https://www.gov.uk/alerts) for more information.
- This is a test. You do not need to take any action.

Further information can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/one-week-to-go-until-uk-emergency-alerts-test>

Second Hand Uniform donations

Turing House Friends are going to run a special second-hand uniform sale for the Y6 students who will be starting at Turing House in September. However, we are low on stock, especially smaller sized items.

If you have any **good quality branded items** that your son/daughter has grown out of, can you please drop them off at reception?

Your support is greatly appreciated!

Royal Holloway MasterClass

Before the Easter break, Year 12 physics students attended a particle physics masterclass at Royal Holloway, University of London. They were able to gain hands-on experience with a variety of practical tasks, observe engaging demonstrations and attend lectures from leading academics in the field of particle physics. The students all enjoyed the day and were great ambassadors for our 6th form.



Poetry by Heart

A huge congratulations to the amazing students of 9B/En1 who all learned a poem by heart to take part in the national Poetry by Heart competition. Following a nail-biting, exciting session in the hall where students performed to one another, a selection of students were shortlisted to represent our school. The poetry performances of these students was recorded and sent to the Poetry by Heart organisation for consideration. Next month, we find out if we've made the final, where students might get the opportunity to perform their poems on the stage of Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in London. Well done to Noah, Zachary, Ellis, Luke, Joseph, James, Sam, Ethan, Leon, Quinn and Kierat. A special mention should go to Ellis, Oscar, Luke and Kierat who were brave enough to perform solo. Bravo!

Music at Turing House



MUSIC CLUBS

STARTING WEEK BEGINNING: 9TH JANUARY 2023



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>LUNCHTIME</u> 12:50-1:15 <u>KS3 PRACTISE/KEYBOARD CLUB</u> 0.13		<u>TURING HOUSE VOICES</u> yr 10-13 0.13	<u>KS3 BAND</u> 0.13	
<u>AFTER SCHOOL</u> 3:10-3:55 <u>ORCHESTRA</u> 0.13	<u>KS3 CHOIR</u> 0.13		<u>GUITAR CLUB</u> 0.14	



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MUSIC AT TURING HOUSE



I sent out this information earlier in the year but like to remind you of the excellent opportunity for learning a musical instrument. We now have enough interest to have a drum teacher, but I am very keen to get many more tutors.

There are many tutors available in most instruments including: piano, guitar, drums, voice, violin, viola, cello, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, French horn. I am attaching the link that will take you to the Richmond Music Trust information and sign up page. <https://www.richmondmusictrust.org.uk/site/tuition/learn-with-us/apply-now/>

Lessons take place at school during the school day and work on a rotation basis to avoid missing 20 or 30 minutes of the same lesson each week.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with further queries on j.yard@turinghouseschool.org.uk

Jennifer Yard



Hosting a Spanish student

A fantastic opportunity has arisen for a family at Turing House School to host a Spanish student and improve their Spanish whilst helping her improve her English language skills. In order to meet the criteria you must live in Esher, Weston Green, Long Ditton, Thames Ditton, Hinchley Wood, Surbiton, Kingston, Molesey, Hampton Court or Ham.

The chosen family will be paid. The Spanish student will be staying approximately 3 weeks, from the 27th June to 18th July. Transport will be provided from your doorstep during weekdays to and from language school from 8.30 to 4.30. If you are away for a few days when you can't host, alternative accommodation can also be organised.

Please email or call Felicity to find out more using the contact details below:

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